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LETTER DATED 2 JULY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the massive destruction wrought by the United States and its allies on Iraq's civilian facilities and infrastructure in the course of their military operations, which lasted from the night of 16/17 January 1991 until 28 February 1991, clearly demonstrated the iniquitous character of the United States and its unlawful use of the cover of international legitimacy and Security Council resolutions in order to destroy an entire people.

Not content with the more than 90,000 tons of bombs which they dropped during over 100,000 air raids on Iraqi cities and installations, United States aircraft continued - even after the cessation of hostilities and on the pretext of conducting reconnaissance - to carry out intensive air activity in Iraqi airspace, to shoot down unarmed aircraft, to destroy tanks, to drop airborne troops onto roads inside Iraq and to intercept Iraqi helicopters which were performing civilian duties and carrying civilian officials, political figures and relief agency delegations inside Iraq because military operations had destroyed and cut most of the country's land transportation routes.

The following are details of these acts of provocation:

Date	Details
8/9 June	One two-aircraft formation: activities centred over Mosul, Qayyarah, Baiji, Arbil and Dohuk, at medium altitude and at speeds ranging from 600 to 850 km/h, for the purpose of observation and provocation
9/10 June	Twenty sorties by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds ranging from 720 to 900 km/h and at both low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation

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10/11 June	Four sorties flown by two formations at a speed of 720 km/h and at medium altitude over the area north of Arbil, for the purpose of observation and provocation
11/12 June	Eleven sorties flown by five formations and one single aircraft at speeds ranging from 720 to 900 km/h and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil and Zakho, for the purpose of observation and provocation
12/13 June	Seventeen sorties flown by seven two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds ranging from 720 to 900 km/h and at altitudes of between 3,000 and 8,000 metres over Mosul, Amadiyah, Zakho, Rawanduz and Arbil, for the purpose of observation and provocation
13/14 June	Sixteen sorties flown by eight two-aircraft formations at speeds ranging from 720 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Dohuk and Zakho, for the purpose of observation and provocation
14/15 June	Five sorties flown by two formations and one single aircraft at speeds ranging from 720 to 800 km/h and at medium altitudes over Mosul and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation
16/17 June	Eight sorties flown by four formations at speeds ranging from 700 to 800 km/h and at medium and low altitudes over Dohuk and Mosul, for the purpose of observation and provocation
17/18 June	Eight sorties flown by four formations at speeds ranging from 600 to 720 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Dohuk and Zakho, for the purpose of observation and provocation
18/19 June	Twenty sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds ranging from 720 to 900 km/h and at medium and low altitudes over Mosul, Arbil and Zakho, for the purpose of observation and provocation, achieved by ejecting flares north of the area of Sadd al-Mawsil at 1855 hours

Date	Details
19/20 June	Ten sorties flown by five two-aircraft formations at speeds ranging from 700 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Dohuk and the area north of Arbil, for the purpose of observation and provocation
20/21 June	Three sorties flown by one two-aircraft formation and one single aircraft at speeds ranging from 700 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation
21/22 June	Four sorties flown by two formations at speeds ranging from 600 to 720 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Amadiyah and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation
23/24 June	One solo sortie at a speed of 600 km/h and at medium altitude over Arbil, for the purpose of observation and provocation
24/25 June	Ten sorties flown by five two-aircraft formations at speeds ranging from 700 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Arbil and Mosul, for the purpose of observation and provocation
25/26 June	Sixteen sorties flown by six two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds ranging from 700 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk and Zakho, for the purpose of observation and provocation
26/27 June	Fifteen sorties flown by seven dual formations and one single aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 800 km/h and at medium and low altitudes over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation
27/28 June	Five sorties flown by two dual formations and one single aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 700 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil, Tall'Afar and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation
28/29 June	Thirty-four sorties flown by 16 dual formations and two single aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 750 km/h and altitudes of between 4,500 and 9,000 metres over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation

Date	Details
29/30 June	Five sorties flown by two dual formations and one single aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 720 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil, Tall'Afar and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation
30 June/1 July	Thirteen sorties flown by five dual formations and three single aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes of between 3,000 and 4,000 metres over Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah, for the purpose of observation and provocation

In placing these facts before the Secretary-General of the United Nations, members of the Security Council and all the nations, peoples and organizations of the world, we hope that the world will appreciate the length to which America has gone in its excessive and unjustified use of force, thus violating Security Council resolutions, showing contempt for the feelings of Iraqi citizens and disturbing their tranquillity and security.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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